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## Office Action Summary

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 6, 9-16, 19 and 22-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 6, 9-16, 19 and 22-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.  
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

This action is in response to Applicant's amendment filed March 18, 2005. Claims 1, 2, 6, 9-16, 19 and 22-45 are presented for examination.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1, 14, 27, 29, 31, 33 and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. It is unclear as to what Applicant is intended by "subsets of the web page."

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1, 14, 27, 29, 31, 33 and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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Claims 1, 14, 27, 29, 31, 33 and 42 recite the limitation "the filtering document." There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 9-16, 19 and 22-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Publication No. 2002/0164000 by Cohen et al (hereby Cohen) in view of USPN 6,501,832 issued to Saylor et al (hereby Saylor).

(Amended) Regarding claim 1, Cohen teaches in a server, a method for providing information suitable for audio output, the method comprising:

receiving a web page including a first set of information over a network based on a request for the first set of information [Abstract; 0011-0012], receiving the first set of information further comprising;

receiving speech information specifying the first set of information [0026];

generating a text request for the first set of information based on an acoustic speech recognition (ASR) technique applied to the speech information [figure 6; 0049-0050], generating including interpreting at least one primitive construct based on the speech information and

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generating at least one additional primitive construct based on a request for a user-defined command [0011, and 0022], and submitting the text request over the network [0049];

accessing a marked document in response to receiving the first set of information [0035], accessing the document further including determining an identity of the request for the first set of information and accessing the document based on the identity of the request wherein the identity of the request is based on at least one of an identifier for an originator of the request and an identifier for a destination of the request [0030; 0035]; and

generating a second set of information including subsets of the web page suitable for audio output based on the first set of information [Abstract; 0011-0012],

generating the second set of information suitable for audio output further comprising: selecting, based on predetermined expected patterns in the filtering document, at least one portion of the first set of information that is suitable for audio output [0035; 0050]; and

generating the second set of information based on selecting the at least one portion of the first set of information [Abstract; 0011-0012].

Cohen fails to explicitly teach accessing a “tagged” document. Saylor teaches accessing a tagged document (col. 18, lines 45-65). At the time the invention was made, one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to access a tagged document in order to facilitate user in obtaining the specified document.

Regarding claim 2, Cohen teaches the method of claim 1, wherein: the step of receiving the first set of information comprises receiving a web page based on a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) request for the web page [Abstract; 0011-0012].

However, Cohen fails to expressly teach: the step of accessing the tagged document comprises accessing an Extensible Markup Language (XML) document; and the step of generating the second set of information comprises generating filtered web content suitable for audio output based on the web page and the XML document.

Saylor teaches the step of accessing the tagged document comprising accessing an Extensible Markup Language (XML) document (col. 2, lines 4-16; col. 4, lines 46-58; col. 8, lines 14-36; col. 10, lines 17-28); and the step of generating the second set of information comprising generating filtered web content suitable for audio output based on the web page and the XML document (col. 8, lines 14-36).

At the time the invention was made, one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the teaching of Cohen with the teaching of Saylor by incorporating the use of XML-based audio output in order to make it possible users to interact with web servers by telephones, thus allowing users to access information without having to purchase new equipments (col. 1, lines 40-50).

Regarding claim 6, Cohen teaches the method of claim 3, wherein the step of generating the text request comprises applying a case-logic technique to the speech information [0022].

Regarding claim 10, Cohen teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating the second set of information suitable for audio output comprises: generating text data suitable for audio output based on the first set of information and the tagged document, and generating audio based on the text data [0035-0036].

Regarding claim 11, Cohen teaches the method of claim 10, wherein the step of generating the text data suitable for audio output comprises generating at least one response and the step of generating the audio data based on the text data comprises applying a text-to-speech (TTS) technique to the at least one response [0022].

Regarding claim 12, Cohen teaches the method of claim 1 wherein the step of accessing the tagged document is performed based on the request for the first set of information and approximately concurrently with the step of receiving the first set of information [0035].

Regarding claim 13, Cohen teaches the method of claim 1, wherein each of the first set of information, the tagged document and the second set of information is at least one of a Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) page, and Extensible Markup Language (XML) page, a Virtual Reality Modeling Language (VRML) page, and a Standard Generic Markup Language (SGML) page [0034].

Regarding claim 14, the combination of Cohen and Saylor teaches a system for providing information suitable for audio output, the system comprising: a document database configured for storing a plurality of tagged documents (Saylor: figure 1); and a server comprising an executable resources, wherein the executable resource performs functions similar to those of claim 1 (please see claim 1 rejection above).

Claim 15 is similar to claim 2, therefore is also rejected under the same rationale.

Regarding claim 16, Cohen teaches the method of claim 14, wherein the executable resource receives speech information specifying the first set of information [0026]; generates a text request for the first set of information based on an acoustic speech recognition technique applied to the speech information [figure 6; 0049-0050], and submitting the text request over the network [0049].

Claim 19 is similar to claim 6, therefore is also rejected under the same rationale.

Claims 22-26 are similar to claim 9-13, respectively, therefore are also rejected under the same rationale.

Claims 27-28, 29-30, 31-32 are similar to claims 1 and 2, respectively, therefore are also rejected under the same rationale.

Regarding claim 33, the combination of Cohen and Saylor teaches a method for navigating a web by voice in a server configured for executing voice web applications, the method comprising limitations similar to those of claims 1 and 2 combined, therefore are rejected under the same rationale.

Claim 34 is similar to claim 16, therefore is rejected under the same rationale.

Claims 35-37 are similar to claim 1, therefore are rejected under the same rationale.



Regarding claim 38, Cohen teaches the method of claim 1 wherein the method of accessing a tagged document comprises accessing a plurality of tagged documents, the plurality of tagged documents to define user interface logistics and operate the server [0035]; and wherein the method of generating a second set of information comprises generating a second set of information suitable for audio input based on the first set of information and the plurality of tagged documents [Abstract; 0011-0012; 0035].

Regarding claim 39, Cohen teaches the method of claim 38 wherein the plurality of tagged documents includes at least one menu document, at least one activity document, at least one decision document and at least one application state document [figures 1-6].

Regarding claim 40, Cohen teaches the method of claim 38 wherein the plurality of tagged documents includes at least one documents to be applied to the first set of information to generate the second set of information suitable for audio output [Abstract; 0011-0012; 0035].

Regarding claim 41, Cohen teaches the method of claim 1 wherein the step of generating the second set of information further comprises the step of executing voice application operations from the tagged document to generate the information suitable for audio output [Abstract].

Regarding claim 42, Cohen teaches a method for voice-based navigation in a server configured for executing voice web applications comprising:

receiving a voice-based request to navigate the web from an audio communication device operable to provide the voice-based request in response to a menu generated based on a specific application-defining document operable to provide parameters and options, associating the voice-based request with the specific application-defining document, searching for primitive constructs in the voice-based request, constructing a text-based request based on the primitive constructs identified from the voice-based request [abstract, 0026, figure 6];

generating the text-based request to navigate the web based on the primitive constructs in the voice-based request from at least one of a database and a proxy server; [0022]

requesting the web page using the text-based web navigation request by posting a generated URL to a web server to execute the request for the web page [0022];

receiving the requested web page from the web server [0022];

accessing a filtering document page from an application document database using the application-defining document associated with the voice-based request, the filtering document page employing a markup language and operable to filter the retrieved web page to provide generated content suitable for audio output, the requesting the web page and accessing the filtering document occurring in a substantially concurrent time frame, generating the filtered web content from the retrieved web page and the filtering document page indicated by the application-defining document associated with the voice-based request [0054];

generating at least one audio output file based on the filtered web content via a text-to-speech (TTS) technique operable to convert the text in the filtered web content to audio output files, and sending the signals via a network connection to the user audio communication device [0022].

Regarding claim 43, Cohen teaches the method of claim 42 wherein the voice-based request is operative to identify a particular user via a user identifier number indicative of an LDAP resource having personal data and class of data information on individual users [0011].

Regarding claim 44, Cohen teaches the method of claim 42 wherein a web navigation application uses a case-logic approach to interpret the primitive constructs and determine web navigation commands are included in the text-based request [0022].

Regarding claim 45, Cohen teaches the method of claim 42 further comprising sending the filtered web content in an HTML page to an intermediary proxy browser operable to generate signals, which the user audio communication device converts to audible sound [0034].

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed March 18, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to Applicant's argument that Cohen fails to teach or suggest output including a second set of information (i.e. audible web page output) from a first set of information and the tagged document, the Patent Office respectfully submits that this is taught in figure 1: 120 of Cohen.

During the telephone interview dated March 15, 2005, the Examiner suggested that Applicant amend independent claims to recite the "first set of information" as a webpage, the "second set of information" as an audio web page output, and the "tagged document" as a

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filtering XML document to possibly distinguish over the cited prior art. However, Applicant has failed to modify the claim language to distinguish over the prior art of record by clarifying or substantially narrowing the claim language. As it is Applicant's right to continue to claim as broadly as possible their invention. It is also the Examiner's right to continue to interpret the claim language as broadly as possible. It is the Examiner's position that the detailed functionality that allows for Applicant's invention to overcome the prior art used in the rejection, fails to differentiate in detail how these features are unique.

Applicant employs broad language, which includes the use of word, and phrases, which have broad meanings in the art. In addition, Applicant has not argued any narrower interpretation of the claim language, nor amended the claims significantly enough to construe a narrower meaning to the limitations. As the claims breadth allows multiple interpretations and meanings, which are broader than Applicant's disclosure, the Examiner is forced to interpret the claim limitations as broadly and as reasonably possible, in determining patentability of the disclosed invention. Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir.1993).

Failure for Applicant to significantly narrow definition/scope of the claims and supply arguments commensurate in scope with the claims implies the Applicant intends broad interpretation be given to the claims. The Examiner has interpreted the claims with scope parallel to the Applicant in the response, and reiterates the need for the Applicant to more clearly and distinctly, define the claimed invention.

***Conclusion***

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alina N. Boutah whose telephone number is 571-272-3908. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (9:00 am - 5:00 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A. Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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